

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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b. Hasan, however, [redacted]

[redacted] moved into Yemen.

There he [redacted] proclaimed
himself the new Imam and called on
the faithful to rally to his standard.

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g. Czechoslovakia, Hungary and
Bulgaria have joined Moscow and eight
other countries in recognizing the
revolutionary government. Other bloc
countries will presumably follow suit.

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3. USSR -
Communist
China

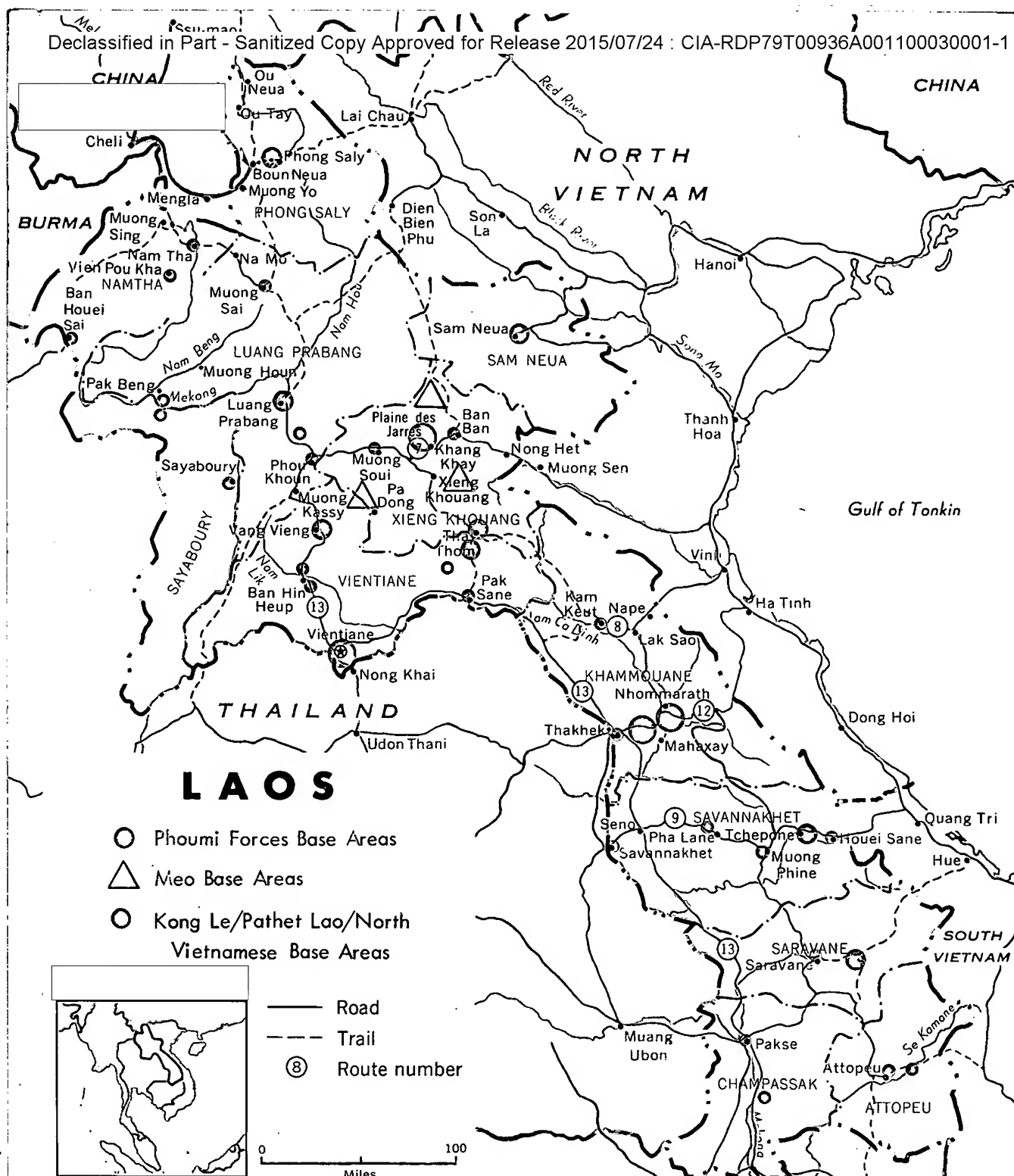
[redacted] additional
evidence that Peiping is tightening
security on its side of the Soviet-
Manchurian border. [redacted]

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b. Our Hong Kong Consulate General also reports that the arrival of White Russian emigrés from Manchuria, which had been averaging about 50 a month, suddenly jumped to 172 in August, then to 469 in September. Taken with the recent closing of Soviet consulates (one in Manchuria), it is difficult to escape the feeling that Peiping is promoting this exodus partly out of concern that these people constitute a security hazard.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna, taking a page out of De Gaulle's book, has asked the National Assembly to grant him "full powers" for a year so that he might have a free hand to restore "peace and unity" to Laos. The matter comes up for debate on Monday with the chances for approval being good. Souvanna's ability to apply such powers throughout the country may, however, be another story.



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b. On Wednesday, five more Vietnamese departed via the Nhommarath checkpoint. This brings to 40 the total of those withdrawing according to the approved procedure.

c. Meanwhile, there has been no letup in Communist charges that the US intends to keep disguised military advisers in Laos beyond Sunday's deadline. As long as this keeps up, the prospects of anyone making a meaningful checkup on the presence of foreigners remaining in Communist-held territory are not very bright.

d. For several days now, there have been indications that all is not well in the neutralist camp in the northern province of Phong Saly. The latest word we have is that General Khamouane, now in Vientiane, but previously Souvanna's proconsul in the province, has ordered his troops to seize several key villages and to blockade Phong Saly town. As best we can make out, these points are occupied by other forces owing allegiance to Souvanna.

e. We have noted that the North Vietnam - Pathet Lao military [redacted] has been operating in high gear since Wednesday. We are as yet unable to gauge what is going on. [redacted]

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5. France

a. Now that the censure vote has brought down the Pompidou government, the odds are that De Gaulle will dissolve the Assembly and lay on elections concurrently with the referendum on his presidential election proposal.

b. There is an outside chance, however, that he will decide against dissolution. He may see compelling advantages in going along with the present assembly rather than having to deal with a new one with which, constitutionally, he would have to live for at least a year.

NOTES

- A. East Germany The East German Communist Party Congress, which was reportedly all set for November, has now been scheduled for some time in January. We do not know the reason for this, but it may reflect a decision in Moscow to allow further time to probe US intentions before calling the next play on Berlin. 50X1
- B. USSR-Yugoslavia Wednesday's communique, marking the end of Soviet President Brezhnev's visit to Yugoslavia, indicates that Moscow and Belgrade are agreed to let bygones be bygones and to promote closer relations up and down the line.
- C. Yugoslavia-Albania Judging by what the Yugoslavs have been saying and writing about Albania lately, we suspect that Belgrade is getting ready to make a try at knocking the underpinnings from under the Hoxha regime. Whatever is afoot seems to have Moscow's blessing.
- D. Warsaw Pact We are seeing indications that yet another regional exercise may be under way, this time in northwestern Poland with Polish, East German, and Soviet forces participating. 50X1
- E. West Germany Bonn has settled on a figure of one billion marks for its 1963 foreign development loan program, down a quarter million from this year's outlay. At least half of the new money will be hard to get at due to a new regulation putting that amount under the direct control of Finance Minister Starcke, a firm disbeliever in foreign aid.

- F. Venezuela A recent rise in the tempo of terrorism in the Caracas area, which has taken the lives of several security forces personnel, is giving rise to the belief in military circles that it is just about time to take over from President Betancourt.
- G. US-USSR Our assistant naval attaché in Moscow, who was detained and roughed up yesterday, was declared PNG today allegedly for "examining thoroughly" a "military object" in Leningrad.

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